Nationality	2000	2001	2002
Norway	7997	7667	7475
Oman	12616	13114	13256
Pakistan	54902	52762	2946
Philippines	7521	7199	7647
Poland	6284	5181	4468
Portugal	7325	7028	7262
Qatar	1545	1361	1215
Saudi Arabia	10739	9851	8663
Singapore	46612	42824	44306
South Africa	21919	21162	18238
Spain	26050	23073	19567
Sri Lanka	129193	112813	108008
Sudan	3418	2323	1899
Sweden	14717	14446	15330
Switzerland	27432	25308	21606
Syria	1270	1501	1452
Tanzania	7194	6579	7459
Thailand	18607	18623	19649
Turkey	3246	2432	3354
U.A.E.	22559	21483	22027
U.K.	432624	405472	387846
U.S.A.	348292	329147	348182
Yemen Arab Rep.	7980	7773	6772
Zambia	1238	1290	1126
Others	81506	80127	55180
TOTAL	2649378	2537282	2384364

Travel and tourism competitiveness monitor

1514. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recently

released 'Travel and Tourism competitiveness monitor' of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), highlighting *inter-alia* that India is not yet among the most competitive tourist destinations in the world; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to upgrade the infrastructure and other tourist facilities etc. to match up to the parameters of the WTTC to make India a 'must see' tourist destination?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has formulated following schemes in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the development of tourism infrastructure including tourist facilities to make India an attractive destination:

(i) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits

(ii) Products/Infrastructure and Destination Development

(iii) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

Maintenance of tourist places in HP

1515. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that conditions of tourist places in Himachal Pradesh are deteriorating day by day; and

(b) if so, what schemes are being formulated by Government to maintain the tourist places in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Development of tourist places is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India, provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations every year for the tourism projects identified in consultation and interaction with them. The financial assistance is provided for the tourism projects under the schemes of Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development. Monuments coming under the control of Archaeological Survey of India are maintained by Archaeological Survey of India.